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In re Application of:

Mark J.R. LEBLANS et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
PERFORMING AUTOFOCUSING
IN A MICROSCOPE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated February 13, 2002, the statutory three-month period for response extending through May 13, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, replace the paragraph starting at line 3 with the following paragraph:

In a further respect, the invention is directed toward a system for automatically focusing an image in a microscope. The system includes an imaging system for creating an image of an object plane using an illumination light beam of a first wavelength, and an autofocusing detection system. The autofocusing detection system

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